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22nd Judicial Circuit Relaunches Family Violence Coordinating Council

(Woodstock, IL) With the passage of the State of Illinois budget, funding for the Family Violence Coordinating Council (FVCC) has been restored and the 22nd Judicial Circuit sought and was awarded funding through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) to reconstitute the local FVCC. Recently, Linda Hooten, who was very active with the FVCC and the Sexual Assault Response Team was selected as the local coordinator of the council.

Linda will work with area providers and law enforcement agencies to develop committees which will work to enhance awareness, response and services to those effected by family violence in the community.

If you would like to volunteer to work with the FVCC, please contact Linda at LAHooten@22ndcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov.

The Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Councils (IFVCC) was convened by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Illinois in 1993 and transferred to the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority in 2000 to enhance the management of IFVCC's financial resources and operations. Originally founded in April, 2007, the 22nd Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordination Council (FVCC) established a forum to improve the institutional, professional and community response to family violence including child abuse, domestic abuse, and elder abuse; coordination of intervention and services for victims and perpetrators; and, to contribute to the improvement of the legal system and the administration of justice. Many collaborative partners worked on the council, including the Child Advocacy Center, Turning Point, Senior Service Associates, Family Alliance, local law enforcement including the McHenry County Sheriff's Office, McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, Court Services, the Mental Health Board, Centegra Health System, Rosecrance, Gateway Foundation, Regional Office of Education, McHenry County College and

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Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan. The Council hosted an annual Fall Symposium on topics including Elder Abuse, Child Abuse and Stalking and Sexual Assault. Unfortunately, the FVCC fell victim to the multi-year budget impasse in Springfield and FVCC the good work being done by the council had to be abandoned.

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